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Dear professor Lederberg!

I have received your letter of January 30 th, I96I. I think that your suggestion on the question of the COSPAR activity is of certain interst and must be carefully examined that is why I have sent the letter to the leaders of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

I inform you that I have no intentions to partake in the COSPAR Meeting and Symposium which will take place in Florence in April. The only reason of it is that I am too busy now and truly to say I can't afford myself to have such a pleasant trip.

I hope that you will attend the International Biochemistry Congress in Moscow and I shall have a pleasure to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

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